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Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. TABATA et al.

Serial No. : 09/659,771

Filed : SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

For : MEDICAL APPARATUS LEASE
SYSTEM FOR WHICH FEES ARE
PAID DEPENDING ON USAGE
STATUS AND MEDICAL APPARATUS
COMPATIBLE THEREWITH

Art Unit : 3626

Examiner : BLECK, CAROLYN M.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, the term for response to which is extended by three months by petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on April 30, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-13 are amended, and claims 14-18 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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